

## Message

**From:** Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/17/2014 8:08:51 PM  
**To:** Frey, Rebecca [frey.rebecca@epa.gov]; Arcaute, Francisco [Arcaute.Francisco@epa.gov]; Saric, James [saric.james@epa.gov]; Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]; Tanaka, Joan [Tanaka.Joan@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Mcseveney, Megan [mcseveney.megan@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT: Allied Landfill desk statement - draft - suggested changes

All,

The city has offered to include an EPA point of contact in the press release? Do we want to take them up on the offer? It would help us direct the media to our desired spokesperson.

Michael

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**From:** Frey, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2014 1:46 PM  
**To:** Arcaute, Francisco; Saric, James; Rowan, Anne; Tanaka, Joan; Kelley, Jeff  
**Cc:** Mcseveney, Megan; Berkoff, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Allied Landfill desk statement - draft - suggested changes

Hi Cisco,

See below for a few suggestions to address the following points:

- Need to say that this is for the Allied Landfill
- Need to emphasize the collaborative effort between the City, MDEQ and EPA to develop the new landfill configuration(s).
- Other corrections/clarifications

-Becky

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Since 1990, EPA has worked with the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the local community to address PCB contamination in the general Kalamazoo River area.

The City worked closely with EPA and MDEQ to develop new cleanup options for Allied Landfill and now supports a consolidation and capping option provided that it allows for redevelopment.

Although EPA has not yet made a formal decision, EPA supports the proposed alternatives presented by the City helped develop and believes they meet the agency's criteria-criterion for environmental protectiveness, and would maximize maximizes consolidation and unrestricted redevelopment. Redevelopment of the property would provide valuable long-term stewardship of the landfill.

EPA, MDEQ, and the City will be reaching out this winter for public input on new consolidation and capping alternatives. Local community members will have an opportunity to comment on all cleanup alternatives when EPA presents its proposed cleanup plan in summer 2015.

For more information: [WEBLINK HERE](#).

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**From:** Arcaute, Francisco  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2014 1:29 PM  
**To:** Saric, James; Frey, Rebecca; Rowan, Anne; Tanaka, Joan; Kelley, Jeff  
**Cc:** Mcseveney, Megan; Berkoff, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Allied Landfill desk statement - draft

Comments?

Thanks  
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Since 1990, EPA has worked with the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the local community to address PCB contamination in the general Kalamazoo river area.

The City now supports a consolidation and capping option provided that it allows for redevelopment.

Although EPA has not yet made a formal decision, EPA supports the proposed alternatives presented by the City and believe they meet the agency's criteria for environmental protectiveness, maximizes consolidation and unrestricted redevelopment. Redevelopment of the property would provide valuable long-term stewardship of the landfill.

EPA, MDEQ, and the City will be reaching out this winter for public input on new consolidation and capping alternatives. Local community members will have an opportunity to comment when EPA presents its proposed cleanup plan in summer 2015.

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**From:** Saric, James  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2014 1:03 PM  
**To:** Frey, Rebecca; Rowan, Anne; Arcaute, Francisco; Tanaka, Joan  
**Cc:** Mcseveney, Megan; Berkoff, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Allied Landfill desk statement - draft

Should we add a bullet:

EPA supports the proposed alternatives presented by the City and believe they meet EPA's threshold criteria for protectiveness. However, EPA has not made a remedy decision yet, and will seek public input on the proposed alternatives.

Jim

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**From:** Frey, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2014 12:13 PM  
**To:** Rowan, Anne; Arcaute, Francisco; Tanaka, Joan

**Cc:** Saric, James; Mcseveney, Megan; Berkoff, Michael  
**Subject:** URGENT: Allied Landfill desk statement - draft

All,

Please find attached a draft desk statement regarding the Allied Landfill. The City of Kalamazoo is meeting with stakeholders today regarding the City's support of a new landfill configuration for a possible consolidation & capping alternative for the landfill. We just learned yesterday that the City intends to issue a press release following its meeting, which means that EPA will likely be contacted by the media very soon. The draft desk statement provides background information and bullets that should be responsive to questions from the media.

Megan is out on sick leave but instructed us to send this to Ann & Cisco, who need to review it before Rick.

Joan, I'm not sure if you are supposed to review it before or after Ann & Cisco, so I'm sending it to all of you at the same time.

Since the City's press release will likely be issued today, this needs to move quickly.

Thanks, everyone!  
-Becky

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**From:** Berkoff, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2014 10:41 AM  
**To:** Frey, Rebecca  
**Subject:** Allied Landfill - desk statement

Becky,  
I'm sending this in the email as I don't want to screw up this loaner by configuring Outlook so I can send attachments. Sorry about that.

*[draft deleted from email]*